

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of 1.14 acres of wetland and 814 linear feet of stream for student athletic facilities on the LU main campus in Lynchburg, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Liberty University; 1971 University Blvd, Lynchburg, VA 24515; PERMIT NUMBER 14-1271

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Liberty University has applied for a new permit for the Liberty University Main Campus. The permit will allow the applicant to fill stream and wetlands to build athletic facilities on their main campus. The proposed activity would affect 1.14 acres of forested wetlands, and 814 linear feet of stream on an unnamed tributary to Burton Creek in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant will purchase bank credits. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mark F. Bushing; Blue Ridge Regional Office; 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502; Phone: 434-582-6240; E-mail: mark.bushing@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 434-582-5125. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.